

UPCOMING TRAINING

Employee or Independent Contractor? Join a Expert Panel Discussion

June 23, 2005 — MDT Auditorium, Helena — 1:00 pm- 4:00 pm

Learn the Definition of Independent Contractor, Independent Contractor Exemption, Understanding Potential Issues, Changes to Independent Contractor rules and procedures. Invited speakers are: Maggie Connor, MT Dept of Labor & Industry; Curt Larsen, Montana State Fund; and Larry Jones, Liberty Northwest Insurance. **No Charge.** Please RSVP-Elaine Arterburn 800-883-5811 or earterburn@mt.gov. Sponsored by MDT DBE Supportive Services office and Montana Contractors' Association. If you need special accommodations please call Elaine.

Request for Statement of Qualifications For MDT Consultant Pre-Qualification Roster

Only firms not currently on the 2004 pre-qualification roster or firms that experienced significant changes since submitting their 2004 SOQ are allowed to submit. Go to <http://www.discoveringmontana.com/doa/gsd/osbs/Detail.asp?SolIdNum=1489> or call DBE Supportive Services Office for more information. Categories of Service include Comprehensive Roadway Design, Bridges & Structures, Geotechnical & Materials, Traffic & Safety Engineering, Hydraulics & Hydrology, Right of Way Appraisal & Acquisition, Environmental & Corridor Studies, Construction Administration, Land Survey.

ATTENTION PRIME BIDDERS !

MDT will offer on-line bidding using Bid Express to prime bidders for MDT Highway Construction projects starting with the July 21, 2005 bid letting. The use of on-line bidding is optional and bids can still be submitted using a hard copy bid produced from Expedite electronic bidding software. Training on the use of Bid Express has taken place and it is anticipated that training will be offered again in approximately 6 months using an Internet training session. Training in the use of Bid Express and the required digital ID's and electronic bid bonds is highly recommended before using on-line bidding.

For further questions about on-line bidding or any MDT bidding questions, contact Chris Clearman at (406) 444-6213 or cclearman@mt.gov.

Way to Go



Administrators and consulting firms for Montana airports have done a tremendous job of partnering with the DBE Supportive Services office to build a strong and credible DBE program in Montana. Many of the firms have sent airport project bid advertisements to the office and included bid language to encourage contractors to request quotes from DBE companies.

This is a great example of encouraging DBE participation. **THANK YOU!!**

Montana Department of Transportation DBE Participation

7.74% Yearly Goal

6.00% Current DBE Participation
(Commitment/Award)





MONTANA DBE COMPANY MONTHLY UPDATE

Newly Certified DBE Companies

Action Print	Billings, MT	Printing services
Airport Gifts	Billings, MT	Airport Concessionaire
Dunmore Aggregate, L.L.C.	Hardin, MT	Crushed rock/gravel/sand (Supplier)
Infrastructure Engineers, Inc.	Saint Cloud, FL	Engineering NEC
Menth Excavating	East Helena, MT	Construction, Demolition, Excavating, Fencing, Grading, Seeding, Sewer/Water Systems

Re-Certified DBE Companies

Economy Excavating & Landscaping	Missoula, MT	Grading, Irrigation, Seeding, Sewer/Water Systems
Lapke Construction, LLC	Simms, MT	Concrete Work
Northwest Archaeological Associates, Inc.	Seattle, WA	Analysis/Research/Studies (Tech/Prof)
Promark, Inc.	Lolo, MT	Crack Sealing/Paving/Seal Coating, Painting, Striping
Rockin JL Specialties	Saco, MT	Fencing, Seeding, Specialty Trades



Jim Phillips - MDT Civil Rights
S&K Heavy Equipment Operator Class



Bonnie Sedita - MDT Missoula District
S&K Heavy Equipment Operator Class



As Read MDT Bid Letting Results May 26, 2005



Project No.	Prime Contractor	Low Bid	DBE Participation	
			\$ Amount	%
NH-NHTSA 1-3(36)234F - Meriwether East STPX-NH-37(26) Alkali Lake Wetland Mitigation	SK Construction, Inc.	\$ 13,980,596	\$ 648,410	4.64%
MT 236-1(10)44 Clagett Hill	M K Weeden Construction, Inc.	\$ 2,832,553	\$ 152,714	5.39%
STPS 384-1(19)13 East of Hardin - East SFCS 313-1(14)29 9 KM South of St. Xavier-South	Riverside Contracting, Inc.	\$ 3,036,736		
STPX 56931(2) Lockwood to Johnson Lane	JTL Group, Inc. - Billings	\$ 338,888		
STPHS 0002(758) 2001-D1-Electrical	Montana Lines, Inc.	\$ 53,011	\$ 53,011	100.00%
Total of all Federal-aid Projects for May 26, 2005 MDT Bid Letting		\$ 20,241,784	\$ 854,135	4.22%

MONTANA BUSINESS TRAINING WEB SITES

Montana Business Connections

University of Montana web site lists a variety of business training throughout the state:

<http://www.mbc.umt.edu/Calendar/default.asp>

MT Small Business Development Center's web site lists training for the entire state:

http://commerce.state.mt.us/BRD_SBDC_Cal_June.asp

These web sites have calendars listing business training in the state.

The DBE Supportive Services web site has links to these training calendars as well as calendars for Safety Bureau, SBA, and MBIA.

CORRECTION

May's DBE Newsletter—TERO officer for Northern Cheyenne Tribe is Eugene Limpy

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WORKSHOP

Presented by American Subcontractors Association, CFMA, MCA, AND AGC



Increase Your Profits on Change Orders & Claims Workshop for contractors to learn about change order and claim types and procedures, pricing & negotiating, winning spec conflicts, when not to sign a change order, and more.

- June 8 Billings
- June 9 Great Falls
- June 10 Missoula

\$135 for non-members. Instructor is Anwar Hafeez - 30 years of experience as a contractor. Call 406-443-8514 Carl Schweitzer to register or request accommodations. DBE Supportive Services Office (800-883-5811) has the registration form and flyer available.

Celebrate Lewis & Clark Expedition 200th Year Celebration

Every day between June 1 to July 4, 2005 there are numerous fun activities for the family to enjoy the spirit of Lewis & Clark Expedition in the Great Falls area. Take a float trip on the Missouri River; enjoy the music of old-time fiddlers or Indian musicians; listen to Indian legends; experience camp life; lunch with the Corps on the riverbanks; watch parades and firework shows; enjoy old-style cooking; or take a tour and learn about the expedition and local geography. Here is a great web site that lists all the activities for each day

<http://www.explorethebigsky.org/>



Beartooth Highway Mudslide Images

The Montana Department of Transportation has images of the Beartooth Highway (Hwy 212 from Cooke City to Red Lodge) available online at www.mdt.mt.gov



Culvert Emergency Repair Project

(Interview with Ray Mengel, MDT Glendive District)

On April 21, 2005, the pipe below the westbound lane of Highway I-94 5 miles northeast of Fallon collapsed. The lane was closed to traffic. Contractors Prince, Century Companies, Omo Construction, Fisher Sand & Gravel and Arrow Striping worked over the next two days to build crossovers to divert the traffic to the eastbound lane creating a temporary two-way road. Century Companies was awarded the project for \$679,140 and started working on the project on May 23, 2005 to install a new culvert. Work is proposed to be completed mid July.



Be Careful Out There on Montana Roads

◆◆◆◆ Road Safety Facts ◆◆◆◆

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among Americans 1-34 years old.

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, the total societal cost of crashes exceeds \$230 billion annually.



In 2003, almost 3 million people were injured and 42,643 people died on our nation's roads. The number of annual roadway fatalities has remained virtually unchanged (40,000-42,000) for the past ten years, but now there is an upward trend.

Of the 42,643 road way fatalities:

- ✓ 25,321 road departure fatalities (59%)
- ✓ 9,213 intersection fatalities (21%)
- ✓ 4,749 pedestrian fatalities (11%)



The FHWA Safety Programs focuses on high risk areas, such as road departure, intersections and pedestrian safety, in order to make the biggest difference in improving traffic safety. FHWA goals to improve road safety are:

- **Road Departure Fatalities:** Reduce run-off-the-road, head-on and opposite direction side-swipe crashes by 10% by 2007. Save 2,514 lives.
 - ✓ Preventing road departure fatalities from occurring
 - ✓ Minimizing the severity of road departure crashes
- **Intersection Fatalities:** Reduce by 10% by 2007. Save 921 lives.
- **Pedestrian Fatalities:** Reduce by 10% by 2007. Save 475 lives.
- **Safety Belt Use:** Raise seat belt use to 90% by 2008. Save 5,536 lives.
- **Safety Awareness:** FHWA is working to make sure that safety is an integral part of planning, project development and operations at the state, MPO and local levels.



For more information, go to FHWA road safety web site at: <http://www.safety.fhwa.dot.gov/>

MDT HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Invitation for Bids, Letting of June 23, 2005

Sealed bids on the following projects will be received by the Montana Department of Transportation-Highways Division, Contract Plans Bureau, Room 101, 2701 Prospect, Helena, Montana until 9:00 a.m. on June 23, 2005, the bids will be publicly opened and read thereafter at 10:00 a.m. in the Department's auditorium.

1. **No. Meridian - Three Mile to Idaho - Kalispell, No. Meridian - US 93 to Three Mile - Kalispell & No. Meridian Lighting & Signal** Federal Aid Project Nos. STPU 6701(7), STPU 6701(8) & STPU 6701(9) STPU 6701(7), North Meridian – Grading, gravel surfacing, plant mix bituminous surfacing, seal and cover, storm drain, water main and water line, sanitary sewer, sidewalk, curb and gutter, signing and signals. MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE. The Disadvantaged Business Enterprises' contract goals are 4.0%.
2. **1999 – Signal Upgrade – Butte & 2002 – Turnbays – Butte** - Federal Aid Project Nos. CM 1899(13) & STPHS 1805 (15). Traffic signal upgrade, surfacing, sidewalks & curb, signing and pavement markings within the city limits of Butte in Silver Bow County. The Disadvantaged Business Enterprises' contract goals are 0.0%.
3. **Albion – North & South (Phase II)** - Federal Aid Project No. PLH 323-1(23)51. Gravel, plant mix surfacing, seal and cover on the Albion – North & South (Phase II) project in Carter County. The Disadvantaged Business Enterprises' contract goals are 3.0%.
4. **Holmes – Harrison to Rowe – Butte**. State Project No. SFCU 1820(1). Cold milling, plant mix bituminous surfacing, storm drain, sidewalk, seal and cover, and striping on 0.8 miles on the Holmes – Harrison to Rowe – Butte project in the City of Butte in Silver Bow County. This contract does not contain goals for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises.
5. **US 93 Signals – Hamilton (Phase II)** - State Project No. SFCN 7-1(103)48. Installation of new traffic signals, curb/gutter/sidewalk, seal coat and pavement markings on the US 93 Signals – Hamilton (Phase II) project within the City of Hamilton in Ravalli County. This contract does not contain goals for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises.
6. **Signal – Junction MT 83** - Federal Aid Project No. STPP 52-2(31)34. Signals, signing and pavement markings on the Signal – Junction MT 83 project in Flathead County. The Disadvantaged Business Enterprises' contract goals are 0.0%.

MT CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES

Medicine Lake Headquarters Parking Area, DTFH70-05-B-00004, Bid Due Date: June 24, 2005, FHWA Western Federal Lands Highway Division, Grading, Concrete Pavement, Surveying, Traffic Control, Excavation. Estimated Price Range is \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 360-619-7520. <http://www1.epa.gov/spg/DOT/FHWA/WFL/DTFH70%2D05%2DB%2D00004/listing.html>

Nasukoin Mountain Trail #375 on the Flathead National Forest, AG-0385-S-05-0007, Bid Due Date: July 12, 2005, Trail Construction, Clearing, Grubbing, Retaining Wall, Rock Blasting. Debby Wesselius, 406-758-5314, <http://www1.epa.gov/spg/USDA/FS/0385/AG%2D0385%2DS%2D05%2D0007/listing.html>

Wheeler Creek Trail #64, AG-0385-S-05-0006, Bid Due Date: July 6, 2005, Flathead National Forest, Estimated Price Range is \$25,000 to \$100,000. Debby Wesselius, 406-758-5314, <http://www1.epa.gov/spg/USDA/FS/0385/AG%2D0385%2DS%2D05%2D0006/listing.html>

Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity Contract, Going to the Sun Road, Glacier NP, MT, DTFH70-05-R-00002, Bid Due Date: July 31, 2005, FHWA Western Federal Lands, Rehabilitation of the Going to the Sun Road over a period of 2 years to include general road construction of grading, drainage, paving, concrete pavement and traffic control with specialty work of retaining walls, rock sculpting, bolting, drilling, and scaling. IDIQ maximum order amount is \$140,000,000. Michael Johnson 360-619-7521 <http://www1.epa.gov/spg/DOT/FHWA/WFL/DTFH70%2D05%2DR%2D00002/listing.html>

Miles City Airport – Crack Sealing, Sealing, Painting, Excavation, Paving, Seeding, Fencing, and Traffic Control, **Miles City Airport – Distance Remaining Signs**, Safety Equipment, Electrical Duct, Signs, Traffic Control, **Miles City Airport Improvement Project**, All Project Bid Due Dates are June 21, 2005, Overhead Doors, Traffic Control, Sheetrock Panel, Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, 701-355-8400

Cascade Subdivision Phase 5 & White Butte Road, Water & Sewer Improvements, Big Sky, MT, Bid Due Date: June 9, 2005, Gaston Engineering & Surveying, 406-586-0588

MORE MT CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES—continued

Gerald D. Underwood Water Treatment Facility, Billings, MT, Bid Due Date: June 28, 2005, Paving, Demolition, Fencing, Pipe Work, Landscaping, and Electrical Ductbanks.

Malta Airport Improvements, Bid Due Date: June 9, 2005, Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, 701-355-8400

2005 Castle Rock Park Sidewalk Improvements, Billings, MT, Bid Due Date: June 14th <http://ci.billings.mt.us/Online/rfp.php>

Gerald D. Underwood Water Treatment Facility Filter Building Expansion and Improvements, Billings, Montana, Bid Due Date: June 28, 2005 <http://ci.billings.mt.us/Online/rfp.php>

Airport Terminal Kitchen Floor Replacement for Billings Logan International Airport, Billings, Montana, Bid Due Date: June 14, 2005. <http://ci.billings.mt.us/Online/rfp.php>

Lower Level Airport Terminal Restroom Upgrades for Billings Logan International Airport, Billings, Montana, Bid Due Date: June 14, 2005. <http://ci.billings.mt.us/Online/rfp.php>

Gold Dust Drainage Billings, MT Bid Due Date: June 28th <http://ci.billings.mt.us/Online/rfp.php>

Wilson Coulee Fence ELQ050127, Geraldine, MT, Bureau of Land Management Lewistown Field Office, 406-538-7461 <http://www1.epa.gov/spg/DOI/BLM/MT/ELQ050127/listing.html>

Reconditioning of Road Nos. 115 & 589 on the Flathead National Forest, AG-0385-S-05-0004, Bid Due Date: June 22, 2005, Culverts, Blading, Seeding. Debby Wesselius, 406-758-5314, Barbara Venturini, 406-758-5318, <http://www1.epa.gov/spg/USDA/FS/0385/AG%2D0385%2DS%2D05%2D0004/listing.html>

Wood Lake Campground & Picnic Area Reconstruction, Augusta, MT, R1-15-5-01, Bid Due Date: June 28, 2005, Campground Units, Tables, Fire Rings, Pads, New Trails, Estimated project range is \$100,000 to \$250,000. Jan Wenaas, 406-791-7717 <http://www1.epa.gov/spg/USDA/FS/03K0/R1%2D15%2D5%2D01/listing.html>

Down South Pits & Reservoirs, ESQ050026, Carter County, MT, Bid Due Date: June 24, 2005, BLM Miles City Office, Construct eight pits and one reservoir, Estimated Project range is \$25,000 to \$100,000. Charlene Gunther, 406-896-5195, <http://www1.epa.gov/spg/DOI/BLM/MT/ESQ050026/listing.html>

Fourchette Creek Road, Malta, MT, DTFH70-05-B-0006, Bid Due Date: June 9, 2005, FHWA Western Federal Lands, Roadway Reconditioning, Erosion Control Repair, Surveying, Traffic Control, Dust Control, Excavation. Estimated Price Range is \$250,000 to \$500,00. 360-619-7520 <http://www1.epa.gov/spg/DOT/FHWA/WFL/DTFH70%2D05%2DB%2D00006/listing.html>



MDT Polson East Project—Riverside Contracting

The Quote of the Month

"Do, or do not. There is no 'try'." - Yoda ('The Empire Strikes Back')

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